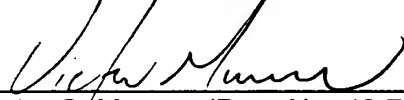


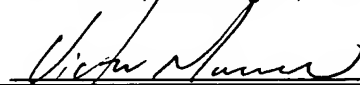
filed, and no new matter is intended. The amendments are intended to claim aspects of the present invention that are commercially significant to the assignee. In particular, the amended claims are directed to a method of collecting and presenting the life of a deceased person, a kit for collecting information from a customer about a deceased person, and a method for offering and providing computer related services, as described and claimed above. Accordingly, the amendments are not being made for reasons related to patentability. The applicant believes the claims are in a condition for allowance, and requests an early notice of allowance.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-12.

Please add claims 13-38 as follows:

13. (New) A method of collecting and presenting the life of a deceased person at a funeral service, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) collecting information about the life of the deceased person;
 - b) collecting one or more recordations relating to the deceased person;
 - c) creating a life story about the deceased person based on the collected information and recordations;
 - d) storing the life story;
 - e) accessing the life story over the Internet; and
 - f) displaying the life story at a funeral home during the funeral service of the deceased person.
14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the life story is displayed real time over the Internet.
15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the life story is displayed from a computer readable medium via a computer at the funeral home.
16. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the life story is displayed using an interactive user interface.
17. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the life story is automatically displayed.
18. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the life story comprises a plurality of screens related to the deceased person.

19. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of accessing the life story over the Internet further comprises the step of displaying the life story from peoples' homes
20. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of accessing comprises logging in and entering a password.
21. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of collecting one or more recordations comprises submitting recordations to a central office via the Internet or mail.
22. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the steps are performed sequentially.
23. (New) A life story created using the method of claim 13.
24. (New) A kit for collecting information from a customer about a deceased person, the kit comprising:
 - a) a data sheet for providing information about the customer;
 - b) a data sheet for providing textual information about the deceased person's life and descriptions of any recordations that the customer returns with the kit; and
 - c) a selection of different formatting options that the customer may choose relating to the visual presentation about the life of the deceased person;wherein the customer returns completed data sheets, formatting selections and recordations relating to the deceased person, and the returned completed data sheets, formatting selections and recordations being used for creating an computer viewable life story about the deceased person.
25. (New) The kit of claim 24, further comprising a number for tracking the information returned by the customer.
26. (New) The kit of claim 24, wherein the formatting options comprises color schemes and frame styles.

27. (New) The kit of claim 24, wherein the formatting options comprise selections of basic styles.
28. (New) The kit of claim 24, wherein the formatting options further comprise selections relating to background music for the digital life story.
29. (New) The kit of claim 24, wherein the recordations include photographs, documents, audio and/or video relating to the deceased person.
30. (New) The kit of claim 24, wherein the customer returns the information on the data sheets at least in part in handwritten form.
31. (New) The kit of claim 24, wherein the customer returns the information on the data sheets at least in part by entering data over the Internet.
32. (New) The kit of claim 24, comprising an option for the customer to select the type of life story to be created.
33. (New) The kit of claim 32, where the type of life story is based on the level of complexity specified by the customer.
34. (New) The kit of claim 24, further comprising a list of contents returned by the customer.
35. (New) A digital life story created using the kit of claim 24.
36. (New) A method for offering and providing computer related services in the death care industry, the method comprising:
 - a) collecting from a customer information about the life of a deceased person;
 - b) collecting from the customer one or more recordations relating to the deceased person;
 - c) creating an digital life story about the deceased person based on the collected information and recordations; and

- d) storing the digital life story, said stored digital life story being accessible and viewable by the customer over the Internet;
 - e) displaying the digital life story via a computer system at a funeral home during the funeral service of the deceased person; and
 - f) receiving payments from the customer for at least a portion of the foregoing services.
37. (New) The method of 36, wherein the recordations include text, photographs, documents, audio and/or video relating to the deceased person.
38. (New) The of claim 36, wherein the steps are performed sequentially.

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